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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Noe, et al.

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## **AMENDMENT**

This document responds to the Office Action in the above case mailed December 18, 2002, requiring a response by January 18, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows.

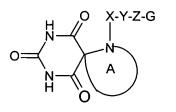
In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 43-45, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound of the formula:

B



wherein said "A" is a 5 membered heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of: